

REMARKS

Claims 1-58, 217-224 are pending in this application. Claim 12 is amended. Claims 59-216 have been canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. Claims 221-224 are new. No new matter is introduced. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5, 9-11, 14-58, and 218-220 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The Office Action states that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “digital television,” recited in claim 12. Applicants have corrected the dependency of claim 12 to correctly depend from dependent claim 11. Applicants submit that there is antecedent basis support for each limitation of claim 12 as amended. Therefore, the § 112 rejection with respect to dependent claim 12 has been overcome.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 6-8, 13 and 217 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huffman et al., US Patent No. 5,893,132 (hereafter, *Huffman*) in view of Schneck et al., US Patent No. 5,933,498 (hereafter, *Schneck*).

Applicants believe that neither *Huffman* nor *Schneck* are prior art based on the priority dates of the present application. However, even if *Huffman* and/or *Schneck* are considered prior art, neither *Huffman* nor *Schneck*, either separately or in combination, disclose or suggest each and every element of the claimed invention.

The Office Action at page 3 states that *Huffman* does not explicitly disclose a processor that communicates with an electronic book ordering site, the processor supplying an electronic book selection and a processor identification; a transmitter, coupled to the processor, that sends the electronic book selection and the processor identification to the ordering site;...and a memory coupled to the receiver module, the memory storing the received authorization code until needed for decrypting the data signal, as in claim 1.

In addition, *Huffman* does not disclose or suggest “a receiver module that receives a data signal and a local authorization code, wherein the data signal comprises an encrypted electronic book selection and wherein the local authorization code allows the data signal to be decrypted for viewing,” as recited, among other features, in independent claim 1.

Although the Office Action at page 3 states that *Huffman* at Figure 36 discloses the above mentioned features of the claimed invention, Applicants disagree. FIG. 36 is a block diagram of a system for encoding a book having an internal machine-readable dictionary. The system includes an encoder 702 which encodes first machine-readable data representative of a plurality of words not included in an internal machine-readable dictionary to provide a customized dictionary. The encoder 702 further encodes second machine-readable data representative of the text of the book. The second machine-readable data includes a plurality of pointers which point to a corresponding plurality of words in the machine-readable dictionary and the customized dictionary to provide the text. See col. 24, lines 1-19.

However, *Huffman* does not disclose or suggest that the received data signal comprises an encrypted electronic book selection and that a received local authorization code allows the data signal to be decrypted for viewing, as claimed.

In addition, *Schneck* fails to overcome those deficiencies of *Huffman* described above. For example, *Schneck* does not disclose or suggest that the received data signal comprises an encrypted electronic book selection and that a received local authorization code allows the data signal to be decrypted for viewing, as claimed.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is in condition for allowance over the applied art for at least these reasons.

With respect to new independent claims 221-224, Applicants have incorporated allowable subject matter into independent form. New independent claim 221 incorporates allowable subject matter from dependent claim 218 into independent claim 217, new independent claim 222 incorporates allowable subject matter from dependent claim 219 into independent claim 217, new independent claim 223 incorporates allowable subject matter from dependent claim 220 into independent claim 217 and new independent claim 224 incorporates allowable subject matter from dependent claim 47 into independent claim 1. Therefore, independent claims 221-224 are in condition for allowance for these additional reasons.

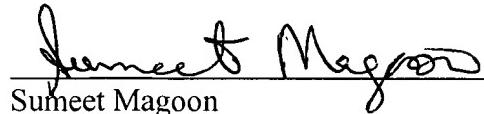
Claims 2-58 depend from independent claim 1 and claims 218-220 depend from independent claim 217. Therefore, claims 2-58 and 218-220 are allowable for at least the reasons stated above and for the additional features recited therein.

In view of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Prompt examination and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desired in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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